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### **Governor Proclaims Cancer Registrars Week in North Dakota**

BISMARCK, N.D. – Governor John Hoeven has proclaimed April 4 through 8, 2005, as *Cancer Registrars Week* in North Dakota.

Cancer Registrars Week is an annual observance that honors registrars across the state who collect and manage accurate and timely cancer patient information. Their commitment contributes to a rich source of data that provides comprehensive information about where and among whom cancers are occurring and how well different treatments are working.

“The data collected by cancer registrars is a valuable resource in providing for a healthier tomorrow and for further generations of North Dakotans,” said State Health Officer Terry Dwelle, M.D., M.P.H.T.M. “Without the efforts of cancer registrars, cancer data would not be available for physicians, researchers, public health administrators and other health professionals to analyze. The work of cancer registrars is key in the fight against cancer.”

When integrated with programs at the community and state level, cancer registries make cancer control efforts more effectively targeted, more efficiently monitored and better evaluated.

For more information about Cancer Registrars Week, contact Marlys Knell, North Dakota Department of Health, at 701.328.2333.

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PROCLAMATION  
**CANCER REGISTRARS WEEK**  
April 4-8, 2005

**WHEREAS**, Cancer Registrars Week honors hospital and statewide central cancer registrars as the professionals responsible for the collection and management of accurate and timely cancer patient information; and

**WHEREAS**, through the registrars' commitment to gathering high quality data, cancer registries contribute a rich source of data that provides comprehensive information about where and among whom cancers are occurring and how well different treatments are working; and

**WHEREAS**, without grassroots research, cancer data would not be available for physicians, researchers, public health administrators and other allied health professionals to analyze; and

**WHEREAS**, cancer registries, when integrated with cancer control programs at the community and state level, make cancer control efforts more effectively targeted, more efficiently monitored and better evaluated; and

**WHEREAS**, the data collected by registrars are a valuable resource in providing for a healthier tomorrow; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as the Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim April 4-8, 2005, **CANCER REGISTRARS WEEK** in the state of North Dakota.

John Hoeven  
Governor